

section 512 of the Senate amendment. The rule further provides that if either portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. The rule provides that House Resolution 450 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard by Chairman Frank (MA), and Representative Bachus.

NASA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Christopher Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

SCIENCE OF INSOLVENCY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Science of Insolvency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEVEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety. Testimony was heard from Eric Halpin, Special Assistant, Dam and Levee Safety, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

VA MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Medical Care: The Crown Jewel and Best Kept Secret. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Hutter, Chief Officer, Legislative, Regulatory, and Intergovernmental Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness Research: Is Enough Being Done? Testimony was heard from R. Craig Postlewaite, DVM, Deputy Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert D. Walpole, former Special Assistant, Gulf War Illness Issues, Office of the Assistant Director, Central Intelligence, CIA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

SSA'S EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Administration's (SSA's) employment support programs for disability beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Sue Suter, Associate Commissioner, Employment Support Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Committee was briefed by Betty Sapp, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Joint Meetings

WEAPON SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold a closed meeting to examine financing comprehensive health reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.